

**CITY OF REED CITY
REGULAR COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
November 15, 2021**

Mayor Meinert called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. in Council Chambers, 227 E. Lincoln Avenue, Reed City, Michigan.

- Present** Mayor, Roger Meinert. Council Members: Nathan Bailey, Dan Burchett, Trevor Guiles, Russell Nehmer and Nicole Woodside. Brad Nixon was absent. City Attorney, David Porteous and City Manager, Rich Saladin, were also in attendance. Department Heads attending were, Police Chief Chris Lockhart, Rich Rehkopf, Jeffrey Stein, Barbara Westerburg and Curt Brackenrich. The meeting was opened with the pledge to the flag. There were citizens in the audience.
- Agenda** Motion by Bailey, seconded by Guiles, **CARRIED**, to approve the Agenda as presented. Affirmed by voice vote.
- Minutes** Motion by Guiles, seconded by Woodside, **CARRIED**, to accept the minutes of the October 18, 2021 regular meeting as presented. Affirmed by voice vote.
- Bills** Motion by Bailey, seconded by Burchett, **CARRIED**, to approve paying bills as presented for payment for a grand total approved amount of \$423,267.34. Roll call vote. Voting yes were, Guiles, Woodside, Bailey, Burchett, Meinert and Nehmer.
- Reports** Chief Jeffrey Stein, Fire Dept., Police Chief Christopher Lockhart, Rich Rehkopf, DPW, and Curt Brackenrich, WWTP, filed written reports. Barb Westerburg provided Financial Reports including a Revenue/Expenditure Report as of September 30, 2021.
- Motion by Guiles, seconded by Bailey, **CARRIED**, to approve the Department Head reports as submitted. Affirmed by voice vote.
- Ordinance** Motion by Guiles, seconded by Woodside, **CARRIED**, to approve Ordinance 002-2021 an Ordinance to Amend Part 12, Title IV, Appendix 1, Zoning Map Changes for property located at 743 Mill Street. Roll call vote. Voting yes were, Nehmer, Bailey, Meinert, Guiles, Burchett and Woodside.

**CITY OF REED CITY
ORDINANCE NO. 002-2021**

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND PART 12, TITLE IV, APPENDIX 1,
ZONING MAP CHANGES

The City of Reed City ordains that:

Appendix 1, Zoning Map of the City of Reed City is hereby amended as follows:

Property located at 743 Mill Street for the following property description is rezoned from the R2 Residential District to C2 Commercial District.

67-52-275-017-00
RC-278 THE NORTH 70 FEET OF LOT 17 HENRY I BITTNER'S ADDITION,
CITY OF REED CITY, OSCEOLA COUNTY, MICHIGAN

The District boundaries of the official Zoning Map of the City of Reed City shall be amended to reflect these changes, and this amendment shall be added to the annotations on the Zoning Map.

Effective Date: This Ordinance shall be effective upon publication of the Ordinance's full text.

ORDINANCE DECLARED ADOPTED.

This ordinance was introduced on October 18, 2021 by Councilperson GUILES. On the 15th day of November, 2021, upon the motion by Councilperson GUILES, and seconded by Councilperson WOODSIDE this ordinance was adopted.

Voting yeas: Nehmer, Bailey, Meinert, Guiles, Burchett and Woodside.
Voting nays: None.

- Land Purchase Motion by Bailey, seconded by Burchett, **CARRIED**, to agree to purchase excess property from the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) for a tract of land north of town in the amount of \$2,500.00 and titled as a Governmental Unit and authorize the City Manager to sign the Application to Purchase and Agreement of Sale – Cash Sale as presented. Roll call vote. Voting yes were, Meinert, Burchett, Woodside, Guiles, Nehmer and Bailey.
- Rambadt Park Motion by Burchett, seconded by Nehmer, **CARRIED**, to accept the bid from Forest & Land Management LLC in the amount of \$20,000.00 for removal of lumber and cleanup of trees as bid at Rambadt Park. Roll call vote. Voting yes were, Woodside, Nehmer, Meinert, Guiles, Bailey and Burchett.
- Special Use Motion by Bailey, seconded by Burchett, **CARRIED**, to approve a Special Use Permit to Byron Clouse, Ace Hardware, at 838 S. Chestnut Street to establish storage units as presented. Roll call vote. Voting yes were, Woodside, Burchett, Nehmer, Guiles, Meinert and Bailey.
- Special Use Motion by Guiles, seconded by Nehmer, **CARRIED**, to approve a Special Use Permit to Tyler Huntley at 4150 225th Avenue to operate a child care center as presented. Roll call vote. Voting yes were, Meinert, Guiles, Bailey, Nehmer, Woodside and Burchett.
- Ice Rink Council members discussed developing an ice rink and potential areas where it could be located. Cost, maintenance, volunteer participation in maintaining it and concerns with liability were discussed. It was the consensus of council they would like to pursue it and directed the City Manager to check with the city's insurance carrier and costs associated with developing and maintaining an ice rink.
- Reliability Study Motion by Bailey, seconded by Burchett, **CARRIED**, to accept the bid from Fleis & Vandenbrink in the amount of \$7,900.00 for a Water System Reliability Study and General Plan. Roll call vote. Voting yes were, Burchett, Woodside, Nehmer, Bailey, Meinert and Guiles.
- Rate Increase Motion by Guiles, seconded by Burchett, **CARRIED**, to adopt Resolution No 2021-17 a Resolution Amending Water Rates as presented in Exhibit A. Roll call vote. Voting yes were, Guiles, Woodside, Burchett, Meinert and Nehmer. Voting no was, Bailey.

CITY OF REED CITY
COUNTY OF OSCEOLA, MICHIGAN
RESOLUTION AMENDING WATER RATES
Resolution No. 2021-17

At a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Reed City, Osceola County, Michigan (the "City"), held in said City on Monday, November 15, 2021.

PRESENT: Nate Bailey, Dan Burchett, Trevor Guiles, Roger Meinert, Russ Nehmer and Nicole Woodside.
ABSENT: Brad Nixon.

The following preamble and resolution were offered by Council Member Guiles and seconded by Council Member Burchett:

WHEREAS, it has been determined by the City Council of the City of Reed City that it is necessary to acquire, construct, and install additions, extensions and improvements to the existing Water Supply System (the "Water System") in the City of Reed City; and

WHEREAS, the City is required to replace lead lines in our water system, resulting in a substantial increase in our operating expenditures; and

WHEREAS, Act 94 and the Bond Ordinance require the City Council to establish, by separate resolution of the City Council, rates and charges which will be sufficient to provide for the payment of the Water System's administration and operation expenses, such expenses for the Water System's maintenance as may be necessary to preserve it in good repair and working order and expenses incurred in the acquisition and construction of the Water System; to provide for the payment of principal of and interest on all bonds and junior lien bonds payable therefrom as and when the bonds and junior lien bonds shall become due and payable; and to provide for such other expenditures and funds for the Water System as are required by Act 94 and the Ordinance; and

WHEREAS, in order to comply with the requirements of Act 94 and the Bond Ordinance, it is necessary to amend the rates and charges for the Water System.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Reed City:

1. Effective for the January 2022 billing cycle which is collected with the bills sent to users of the Water System in February 2022, the rates, charges and fees for the City's Water System shall be as set forth on Exhibit A attached to this Resolution.
2. For users located outside of the City limits, the charges shall be 150% of the rates charged to users within the City.
3. All resolutions and parts of resolutions insofar as they conflict with the provisions of this resolution be, and the same are hereby, rescinded.

Upon vote for the adoption of said resolution, the vote was:

YEAS: Guiles, Woodside, Burchett, Meinert and Nehmer.
 NAYS: Bailey.

EXHIBIT A
 WATER RATE INCREASE

<i>NEW RATES</i>		<i>OLD RATES</i>	
METER SIZE	COST/METER	METER SIZE	COST/METER
5/8" and 3/4"	\$ 13.50	5/8" and 3/4"	\$6.90
1"	24.00	1"	12.27
1.25"	39.00	1.25"	18.90
1.5"	54.00	1.5"	27.61
2"	96.00	2"	49.08
3"	216.00	3"	110.43
4"	384.00	4"	196.32
6"	864.00	6"	441.72
8"	1,205.02	8"	615.90
Variable Rate – per 1000 gal.	\$2.58	Variable Rate – per 1000 gal.	\$2.48
Gallons Included With Min. Bill	0	Gallons Included With Min. Bill	0
Size of Water Unit Sold – Gal. or cu ft	1,000 gal.		

- MERS Resol Motion by Woodside, seconded by Nehmer, **CARRIED**, to adopt Resolution Establishing Authorized Signatories for MERS Contracts and Service Credit Purchase Approvals designating the Mayor to sign on behalf of the City. Affirmed by voice vote.
- MERS Resol Motion by Guiles, seconded by Woodside, **CARRIED**, to adopt Resolution Adopting the MERS Defined Contribution Plan and MERS Defined Contribution Plan Adoption Agreement with Vesting Schedule immediate for the part time City Manager. Roll call vote. Voting yes were, Burchett, Nehmer, Bailey, Woodside, Guiles and Meinert.
- MERS Adden Motion by Guiles, seconded by Woodside, **CARRIED**, to approve the Contribution Addendum for MERS Defined Contribution for the part time City Manager with a set percent at 20.53% of compensation each payroll period. Roll call vote. Voting yes were, Nehmer, Bailey, Meinert, Guiles, Burchett and Woodside.
- 457 Program Motion by Woodside, seconded by Burchett, **CARRIED**, to adopt the MERS Uniform 457 Supplement Retirement Program Resolution as presented. Affirmed by voice vote.
- 457 Agreement Motion by Burchett, seconded by Woodside, **CARRIED**, to approve the MERS 457 Participation Agreement as presented. Affirmed by voice vote.

- Consent Motion by Guiles, seconded by Burchett, **CARRIED**, to accept the Consent Agenda as presented. Affirmed by voice vote.
- City Manager Rich Saladin submitted a written report and added a couple of highlight items. He thanked Rich Rehkopf for a successful bid process for the sale of the lumber at Rambadt Park. Rich is continuing to reach out to our community and neighboring communities to gain knowledge, resources and support. He met with Mark Gifford of Big Rapids and talked about ways we can work together. He also met with Andrea Leslie the regional president of Spectrum Health Reed City, Big Rapids, Kelsey, Lakeview and Greenville and as a community member and as a leader in the community he wanted to get some answers as to the walk-in clinic as to what is happening. The closing is a temporary thing due to staffing issues and hopes the walk-in clinic will be open again very soon. Ace Hardware is hoping to open on November 18th with a grand opening on December 10th and 11th.
- Mayor Roger reminded Nicole Woodside she is appointed to review bills prior to the December meeting. Mayor Meinert reviewed a tentative 2022 Schedule for council members to review bills and a tentative 2022 Meeting Schedule. He ask that members think about adjusting meeting times and dates and he will be bringing it up next month for discussion. Roger also reminded and encouraged everyone to attend the Evergreen Festival, the parade and the tree lighting over the Thanksgiving weekend.
- City Attorney Attorney Wotila submitted a written report and Attorney Porteous commented the burn ordinance is being revised as it relates to the Depot and they are researching the issue with the Crossroads Theatre parking and the City's potential liability or issues regarding the right-of-way.
- Communication Letter from David Ball, Chairman, of the CrossRoads Theatre Guild, regarding recent paving issues on Park Street where the level is mismatched and is a hazard, also water does not drain away but puddles in the parking area. The City Manager and attorney have been working on it to come to a resolution. Rich Rehkopf commented he has a contractor coming to look at it.
- Council Russ Nehmer commented the Cub Scouts will start their food drive December 1st through December 22nd. Food collected will go to Project Starburst which serves Osceola and Mecosta County. The Cub Scouts will be putting collection boxes at businesses here in Reed City.
- Dan Burchett reminded everyone the craft show is coming up at the High School during the Evergreen Festival.
- Trevor Guiles stated for those who are out in the woods be safe and Happy Thanksgiving next week.
- Nate Bailey advised the Museum is having a pre parade party for the Evergreen Festival. They will have their garage open so people can stop by and get a free cup of hot cocoa or hot cider and take a tour through the museum.
- Audience David Ball, Chairman and representative of the Crossroads Theater Guild, thanked council for doing a really nice job of paving Park Street but it has created a hazard for people to trip and fall from the different levels of paving and wants to make sure it gets corrected by the City. They will be installing lights on the side of the building to highlight that area. Their insurance company told them they are liable because they know about the problem and it also will fall on the City because we now know about the problem. They just want to make sure everyone is safe and would like to get it resolved before winter. Rich Saladin commented he and Rich Rehkopf did go look at it and there is a lip that Rehkopf feels it could be ground down and the water issue will take a little longer to be resolved.
- Adjourn Mayor Meinert adjourned the meeting at 9:03 P.M.